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*Budget 79*

## MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: DCI Meeting with Senator John Stennis (D., Miss.)  
re FY 79 NFIP Budget

1. The Director, John Koehler, D/DCI/RMS, and the undersigned met with Senator Stennis on 21 September to discuss our appeal from the House Appropriations Committee mark on the intelligence budget. The DCI discussed our priorities in consonance with the draft appeal letter. We covered the satellite program, the [REDACTED] etc. Senator Stennis asked for memoranda on each of the points by Monday, 25 September, so that he would be in a position to argue our case in the full Appropriations Committee and later in conference. He gave no final commitment that he would support our position in its entirety, but he did take note of our views.

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2. The Director discussed with him the timetable for consideration of the bill. Senator Stennis had just completed a conversation with Chairman George Mahon (D., Texas) and had not given up hope of concluding action [REDACTED] by the time the Congress adjourned sine die. [REDACTED] is scheduled for Senate floor consideration on Tuesday, 26 September, and consideration in the House on Wednesday, 27 September.

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3. The Director asked Senator Stennis, as a personal favor, to sign the reprogramming request relating to staffing for the Intelligence Community staff. Senator Stennis indicated that he would, recognizing that if the Congress was unable to pass an Appropriations bill this year and we proceeded on continuing resolution without his signature on the reprogramming, [REDACTED] office would never start up.

4. After the DCI departed, he telephoned Jim Fellenbaum, Senate Appropriations Committee staff, to urge him to get the reprogramming letter in front of Senator Stennis for signature on Friday, 22 September, in the morning, before the Senator departed for the weekend. Fellenbaum indicated he would.

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